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In Re the Application of:

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For: "INHALER WITH AIRFLOW  
REGULATION"

) Group Art Unit: 3743

) Examiner: A. KOKABI

) RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
) REQUIREMENT

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 ON <u>6/11/04</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MARSH FISCHMANN &amp; BREYFOGLE LLP</p> <p>BY: <u>Ruth E. Ostgulen</u></p>
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

The Examiner has taken the position in an Office Action dated March 17, 2004, that the above-captioned patent application presents two different inventions, namely corresponding with Claims 1-23 (Group I) and Claims 24-36 (Group II). Applicant elects to pursue Claims 1-23 (Group I) in this patent application, and reserves the right to pursue Claims 24-36 (Group II) in a divisional application at the appropriate time.

The Examiner has also taken the position that multiple, patentably distinct species are being claimed in the above-captioned patent application, namely the species of Figure 1 (Species A), Figure 4 (Species B), and Figure 7 (Species C). Applicant hereby elects the species of Figure 1 (Species A). At least Claims 1-6 and 8-23 read on the species of Figure 1.

Notwithstanding the above-noted selection, Applicant notes that the claimed invention is more specifically directed to airflow regulation, such as disclosed in Figure 5 of the above-captioned patent application.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$420.00 as the fee for the Petition for Extension of Time. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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